

STATEMENT BY

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MR. SPEAKER, FURTHER TO MY STATEMENT OF MAY 4, 1976, REGARDING HIGHER FEES TO FOREIGN STUDENTS, AND MY SUBSEQUENT REPLY TO A QUESTION ASKED BY THE MEMBER FOR WELLINGTON SOUTH, I WISH TO REITERATE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY. I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED OUR DESIRE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TODAY, HOWEVER, I WISH TO INDICATE THAT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, ONTARIO IS PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFINITE PROPOSAL.

WE ARE PREPARED TO ABSORB THE COST OF THE TUITION SURCHARGE APPLIED TO FOREIGN STUDENTS IN ONTARIO POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE SPONSORED AND FINANCIALLY BACKED BY THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

MOST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS ADMINISTERED BY THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. IN ONE OF ITS PROGRAMS, FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE AWARDED UP TO \$6,000 IN A CALENDAR YEAR FOR FEES, BOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATION AND LIVING EXPENSES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND DESERVING OF OUR SUPPORT AND ULTIMATELY WILL RETURN HOME TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

OUT OF A TOTAL OF 1,700 CIDA-SPONSORED STUDENTS IN CANADA, WE EXPECT THAT APPROXIMATELY 500 STUDENTS WILL BE ASSISTED BY ONTARIO.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT EVEN THOSE FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY INCREASED TUITION FEES WILL STILL BE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY THE ONTARIO TAXPAYER.